

Italian Defense Lines In Chimara Sector Pierced, Greeks Say

Fascist Tank Assaults On Northern Front Reported Repulsed

ATHENS, Jan. 3.—Italian defense lines from the Chimara sector, on the Adriatic coast, to the Klisura-Tepeleni region, in Middle Albania, have been breached at various places, and fierce Fascist tank assaults along the coast and on the northern battle front have been repulsed and put to "headlong flight," the Greeks reported today.

A number of tanks were destroyed in both Italian thrusts, aimed at Greeks advancing up the coast and in the Pogoradetz area, advices from the fronts said.

"The outstanding feature of the operations is the breaking through of Italian defenses at some places along their line extending from Chimara to the region of Klisura-Tepeleni," one dispatch said.

Tanks Destroyed

"Already the whole region of Tepeleni-Klisura has been brought under control of Greek fire."

"During the Italian attacks by light tanks heavy anti-tank fire compelled a headlong flight. Several of these tanks were destroyed."

The weather continued severe, but the Greeks said fierce fighting was in progress, especially from the coast to Klisura.

Greek advance units were reported to have found the bodies of 200 Italian soldiers on camp beds in a mountain cavern which had been converted into a field hospital. The Greeks said they apparently froze after being abandoned by their retreating comrades. The bodies were said to have been removed and buried in the frozen earth with military honors.

Elbasani Is Raided

Elbasani, Italian base in Central Albania, toward which the Greek right wing is driving, was heavily raided "with considerable success" by the Royal Air Force yesterday, a British communiqué reported.

"The Italian high command acknowledged 'some losses among the civilian population' in a bombing raid on Elbasani."

Elbasani is only 30 miles from Tirana, the Albanian capital. The communiqué said "all bombs, both high explosive and incendiary, were observed to fall in the center of the town and on the main road. Three large fires were started. A large building in the center of the town was hit and flames were seen coming from it."

R. A. F. headquarters said another military building in Elbasani "also was believed hit."

Congress

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tive talked with Majority Leader Barkley, Chairman Harrison of the Senate Finance Committee and Senator Byrnes of South Carolina, a member of the appropriations group. Senator Barkley said they had a "general discussion" of new legislation to come, but he would not detail any.

In both Senate and House, the hands of the big clock chimes reached 12:02 p.m. before Mr. Garner and House Clerk South Trimble banged their gavels.

In the House the Rev. James Shera Montgomery, chaplain, prayed for the survival of democracy.

"Hold our Republic as the ultimate hope of man," he said. Members listened quietly, then became slightly noisy when a clerk commenced to call the roll by States.

Langer Seated Tentatively

As the oath was administered to 81 Senators there was a brief debate over charges that have been filed against Senator-elect William Langer, Republican, of North Dakota, following which it was decided to seat him without prejudice pending an inquiry.

The Senate adjourned at 12:33 until Monday, after swearing in Senators-elect and appointing the customary committee to notify the President that Congress has convened.

Before Senator Langer started down the aisle Majority Leader Barkley interrupted proceedings to call attention to the charges he said have been filed by citizens of North Dakota and which, he said, "if true, are serious."

Senator Barkley said the suggestion had been made that Mr. Langer be asked to step aside pending the investigation. "However," the majority leader added, "the better practice has seemed to be to allow a Senator-elect to take the oath without prejudice to himself or to the Senate."

The political make-up of the two

Congressional Problems

Foreign Policy, Arms, Taxes and Monetary Policies Are Already on Calendar

Major items already on the calendar for the Seventy-seventh Congress:

1. The Nation's foreign policy. President Roosevelt's proposal to lease or lend war supplies to Britain was expected to become the pivot for spirited congressional debate on all phases of the international situation and the country's foreign policy.

2. Arming America for national defense. Congress may be asked for as much as \$10,000,000,000 to round out the preparedness program. Some legislators would like to change the draft law, to administer a year's military training to all men as they reach the age of 21.

3. Taxes. While no member of Congress believes the Nation can finance the defense program on a pay-as-we-go basis, new revenue must be found to offset some of the billions to be appropriated for civil and military purposes. What to tax, and how much to tax it, are the big question.

4. The debt limit, now \$49,000,000,000, should be raised, Secretary Morgenthau contends, to \$60,000,000,000 or \$65,000,000,000. Some members of Congress have expressed opposition to such a large lump-sum boost.

5. Farm aid. A lively debate on this subject was indicated between



CALL TO ORDER—Taking his place on the rostrum of the House chamber today, Speaker Rayburn got in a few practice raps with his gavel before the opening at noon of the Seventy-seventh Congress. Representative Rayburn's election as Speaker was a formality at the opening session.—A. P. Photo.

houses of Congress still is overwhelmingly Democratic. The majority party has 267 members in the House, the Republicans 162. The Progressives 3, the Farmer-Labor party 1, the American Labor party 1 and independents 1. This is a loss of eight seats by the Democrats as compared to the old Congress, which died officially at noon.

In the Senate the Democrats hold 66 seats, the Republicans 28—a slight gain over the old Congress—the Progressives 1 and the independents 1.

The Senate of the Seventy-sixth Congress met at 11:30 a.m. to wind up some odds and ends of business. The old House, however, quit yesterday afternoon.

Delay in Business Likely

While the new Congress meets in a cloud of uncertainty as to what the future holds, the probabilities are it will be days before it gets down to business, if not weeks. House committees, it is true, have been at work on appropriation bills, getting them ready for introduction. The President's budget message—providing, it is expected, for a total expenditure and authorization of approximately \$17,000,000,000—will not be delivered to Congress before Tuesday. Presumably \$10,000,000,000 of this total will be for national defense and the remainder to carry on the so-called ordinary expenses of Government.

As the legislators assembled today the greatest interest centered in the President's recommendations for aid to Britain. No one could say—or would say—the extent to which the recommendations will go. The Chief Executive has advanced a "lease-lend" suggestion for supplying arms, munitions and ships to Britain. Reports have spread that he may modify the plan in part to provide for payment by Britain in commodities needed by this country.

The isolationists in Congress are waiting to pounce on any proposal in which they visualize further approach of this country toward intervention in the wars abroad. Many of them have modified earlier positions so that they now are ready to go ahead with a program for the strongest kind of national defense. They still insist, however, that any steps to aid Britain must be "short of war."

The President will have strong backing, however, for the position he has taken that everything possible be done to prevent the defeat of Britain.

The death of the old Congress today sweeps the boards entirely clear of pending legislation. All bills and resolutions die with the Congress, and must be presented all over again if they are to have consideration in the new.

On the domestic side of the picture—as contrasted to measures dealing with national defense and foreign affairs—great interest centers in the proposals of the Federal Reserve Board, intended to check

(a) those who believe the present farm-pay program should be extended or increased because of the impact of the war upon agriculture and (b) a group which declares that farm aid and other non-defense expenditures should be clipped because of the heavy cost of preparedness.

6. Money and banking. The Federal Reserve Board has presented broad suggestions for combating any threat of inflation due to war spending. These include removal of the presidential power to revalue the dollar, repeal of the Treasury's authority to monetize silver bought from foreign sources and increased reserve requirements for banks.

McNutt Is Listed Among 10 Men 'Best Dressed'

By the Associated Press.

NEW YORK, Jan. 3.—Peter Arno, the cartoonist, who, as a man about town, spends a good deal of time in tails and topper, is the Nation's "best-dressed" man, according to the Custom Tailors Guild of America. In their list of the 10 best dressers, released yesterday, the guild failed to include Grover Whalen, who had top ranking in previous years, and Adolphe Menjou, whose sharp trouser creases cause great envy in the movie colony. Paul V. McNutt, Federal Security administrator, was ninth on the list.

Others were Glenwood J. Sherrard of the Parker House, Boston; William Rhinelander Stewart, socially prominent New Yorker; Lucius Beebe, newspaper columnist; George P. Rea, president of the New York Curb Exchange; Guy Lombardo, orchestra leader; Dr. Gordon Green, Long Island physician; Frank L. Andrews of the Hotel New Yorker; and Omar Kiam, Hollywood dress designer.

D. C. Detective to Quiz Youth Held in New York

A Washington detective was sent to New York today to question a youth held there, believed to be Robert Wesley Hill, 19, colored, wanted in Washington for questioning in connection with several robberies. Another youth, shot to death in a Christmas Eve burglary in the Northeast section, was mistakenly identified as Hill by members of his family.

The youth arrested in New York is held on a charge of armed robbery.

Texas, asserting that Congress would perform no further work, even though it remained in session. Senator Harrison of Mississippi is expected to be elected President pro-tempore of the Senate—a position made vacant first by the death of the late Senator Pittman of Nevada and today by the retirement of Senator King of Utah, who was chosen by the Senate to act as its presiding officer after the death of the Nevada Senator.

Senator Hill of Alabama probably will succeed Senator Minton of Indiana, defeated for re-election, as Democratic whip. Senator Barkley of Kentucky remains Democratic leader and Senator McNary of Oregon and Austin of Vermont Republican leader and assistant leader, respectively.

New Faces Appear

With the opening of the new Congress a number of familiar figures pass from the stage of the National Legislature. In the House, despite the fact the political make-up changed but little, there are 74 changes, with new men coming in and old going out. This is due to primary as well as election defeats and to the determination of some of the members not to seek another term.

The retirement of Senator Henry Fountain Ashurst of Arizona, a Senator ever since the admission of Arizona to statehood, removes from the Senate the second oldest Senator in point of service. Other Senators leaving office are Senators Frazier of North Dakota, Burke of Nebraska, Holt of West Virginia and Donahay of Ohio. Senator Donahay declined to be a candidate to succeed himself. The others were defeated either in the primary contests or in the general election.

Senators Plan Drive Against Roosevelt's Foreign Policies

Wheeler Says at Least 15 Will Make Speeches Opposing Methods

By the Associated Press.

Advance notice of a systematic campaign against administration foreign policies came today from those Senators who believe President Roosevelt's present course may lead to war.

As the new Congress gathered for its first session, these legislators disclosed their intention of putting their case directly before the people in the hope of thus eventually converting a majority of both House and Senate to their views.

Senator Wheeler, Democrat, of Montana, outspoken critic of Mr. Roosevelt's handling of international affairs, said that "we first must organize the country" against the existing foreign policies.

The Montana Senator told reporters that there was a "rock bottom" list of at least 15 Senators who would make speeches in opposition to administration methods. He predicted the number would increase.

Senator Johnson, Republican, of California, ranking minority member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, commended Senator Wheeler for his speech Monday, criticizing the administration's attitude on the European war and urging that the United States seek to bring about peace.

"It is more than refreshing," said Senator Johnson, "to find among Senators a man who will make such a brave speech and risk the abuse and denunciation of the American Foreign Legion who are busily engaged now in edging us into war with Great Britain, and to wish them well and to pray ardently for their success and the defeat of Hitler. It's quite another thing to take this great country into war and into the horrible maelstrom of Europe. I want to do what little I can to prevent that."

Senator Nye, Republican, of North Dakota, another opponent of administration foreign policies, told reporters he was "in full accord" with Senator Wheeler's view that those opposing the President's stand should seek to gather country-wide support.

Senator Holt, Democrat, of West Virginia, said last night that President Roosevelt was keeping "secrets" from the Nation's citizens about foreign policy.

In an address prepared for radio delivery, Senator Holt asked if Col. William J. Donovan, who recently left for Europe, had come to "see if England can hold out until we get in" the war.

Arrested in Highgate, England, a man gave his address as an air raid shelter.

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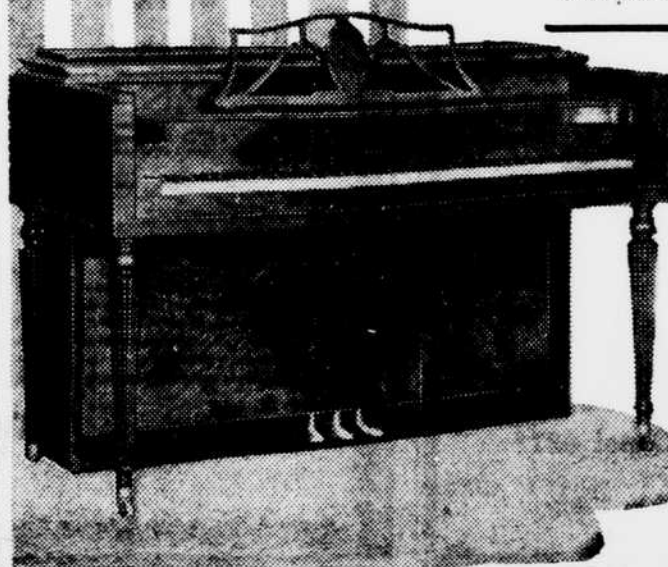
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Chairmen Sheppard of the Senate Military Affairs Committee and May of the House Military Affairs Committee have agreed to sponsor

in the new Congress permanent draft law legislation limiting compulsory military training to men between 18 and 21, the American Legion announced yesterday.

In another move affecting the training program, the War Department appointed a committee to encourage approved recreational and

welfare conditions in communities near Army camps. Frederick Osborn of New York, industrialist and philanthropist, was asked to head it. The department also announced that men drafted would be permitted, after one month's training, to enlist in the Regular Army for a three-year term, if they wished.

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